



Below is an update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan and Health Insurance Marketplace:

Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

Dental Wellness Plan Update: The Dental Wellness Plan will provide dental coverage for all Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members beginning May 1, 2014. Until the new dental plan is available for coverage, urgent dental services will be payable to any enrolled Medicaid dentist. In all cases, services require a Prior Authorization approved through Medical Prior Authorization. Services rendered should be handled consistent with existing Iowa Medicaid dental policies. All patients require an evaluation or assessment prior to the beginning of each service. A prior authorization is not required for the evaluation or assessment, but is required for the allowed follow-up urgent care services.

Members will be notified of the urgent care coverage through a letter, to be mailed in the next two weeks. Providers were notified by Informational Letter 1353. [Access the Informational Letter here](#) for additional details and a list of urgent dental services.

Updated Iowa Wellness Plan Managed Care Map: Beginning March 1, 2014, managed care will be available to Iowa Wellness Plan members in 88 of Iowa's 99 counties. This is a fourteen county increase from January 2014, and provides managed care more than 90% of all Iowa Wellness Plan members. Current members residing in a county without managed care may see any Medicaid participating provider. [Access the new map here](#).

Health Insurance Marketplace

Want Coverage Starting March 1? Plan Ahead for Best Results: Consumers are applying and enrolling in quality, affordable health coverage every day using HealthCare.gov and State-based Marketplaces around the country. CMS has announced that the Social Security Administration will conduct [annual systems maintenance activities](#) from Saturday February 15, 2014 at 3:00PM until Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:00AM EST. CMS has notified states that during this period, verification of Social Security Numbers and other related data via the Data Services Hub will be unavailable. All other services of the Hub will be functioning as normal.

Please note: This system maintenance does not impact the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) and its application process. Applications can continue to be submitted through the DHS portal as normal.

- **Facts about the Premium Tax Credit:** The IRS has released documents that provide information for individuals who may be eligible for premium tax credits. [Access the document here](#): Facts about the Premium Tax Credit: Your Credit, Your Choice – Get It Now or Get It Later.

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